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Office Action Summary

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3. 6) ☐ Other: ____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. A copy of a foreign document has been received.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1-13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki et al.
(USPN 6445367).

Regarding claims 1 and 9, Suzuki teaches a control circuit (103) through which an image signal enters from the outside enabling the circuit to coordinate the operation of timing. Specifically, Suzuki teaches that the control circuit (103) generates control signals, Tscan and Tmry, applied to a latch circuit (105), which is used as a memory circuit for storing one line of the image data for a certain period of time only. Consequently, Suzuki teaches a shift register that is used for converting the image data, which enters serially in a time series to a parallel signal every line of the image. However, Suzuki does not specifically teach the use of data pulses including representations of all rise and fall timings along with the intervals between those timings. Suzuki teaches a pulse width modulating circuit (7111), a correction circuit (7489) and LUT (7108) which stores leakage currents. See col. 13, lines 33-67, Fig 14 and Fig 42. Suzuki teaches an applied voltage waveform plots which shows the timings with respect to power supply and emission current. See Fig (30A-30B).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize Suzuki's correction circuit along with plots as shown in Fig 30(A-B) for the purpose of reading a signal at any given time. One would have been motivated in view of the Suzuki that the correction circuit and the plots equivalently provide the desired data pulses representatives of all rise, fall and interval timings. The use of correction circuit helps function image forming apparatus as taught by Suzuki.

Regarding claims 2 and 6, Suzuki teaches the serial/parallel converted data, outputted to a latch circuit (105) used as a memory circuit. See col. 13, lines 57-62.

Regarding claim 3, Suzuki teaches a CPU (2106) outputting a control signal to the multiplexer (2103) in order to combine image signals displayed on the panel. See col. 51, lines 40-46.

Regarding claim 4, Suzuki teaches sequential switching with respect to switching elements with in a scanning circuit (4102). Col. 24, lines 61-63 and col. 29, lines 25-27.

Regarding claim 5, Suzuki teaches a shift register (204) as well as pulse-width-modulated signal waveforms. See Fig 19 and Fig 20.

Regarding claims 7, 11 Suzuki teaches elements with matrix wiring configurations. See Fig 4A.

Regarding claim 8, see Fig 45 including (timing A, timing B).

Regarding claim 10, Suzuki teaches a display pattern in which the appropriate pixel be made to emit light. See Fig 5A.

Regarding claim 12, Suzuki teaches a pulse width modulating circuit (206) controlled by timing signal, Tmod, functioning in association with a control circuit (203).

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Regarding claim 13, Suzuki teaches a voltage modulating circuit (106) with respect to image data.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered to applicant's disclosure.

The following arts are cited for further reference.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,483,493 to Murade

U.S. Pat. No. 6,243,061 to Sandoe et al.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,229,513 to Nakano et al.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,191,772 to Mical et al.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to **Abbas Abdulsalam** whose telephone number is **(703) 305-8591**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday (9:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Richard Hjerpe**, can be reached at **(703) 305-4709**.

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